

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

A Budget Workshop of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the council chamber on the above date.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Engelstad opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Sunshine Law

The meeting has been noticed publicly according to the Open Public Meetings Act requirement for “Annual Notice”, and posted on the official bulletin board.

Roll Call 7:16 PM

Present:	Council: Cotler, Volante, Goldfarb Mayor Engelstad Business Administrator Wilkins
Absent	Council: Galassetti
Secretary:	Municipal Clerk Mary Ann Solinski

Mayor Engelstad announced that there will be a two hour limit on the Budget Workshop Meeting.

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Sewer Utility – no increase in rates. The Administrator advised that the Department of Environmental Protection is now requiring the borough to take action concerning the results of a 2013 I & I (Inflow and Infiltration) Study for the Township of Neptune Sewage Authority. She also noted that the borough has received a notice in a reduction of the amount the borough will be paying TNSA this year for services.

Beach Utility – a survey was conducted and compared to other town beach badge rates
General – reviewed the boroughs past percentage property tax increases while noting that increases for health benefits, pensions, workman compensation and liability insurance and contractual salary cost are necessary.

Public Comments

Mr. Bonnell had concerning in some of the appropriations in the budget. Council requested that Mr. Bonnell present and discuss his issues with CFO Ms. Wilkins.

Mr. Coan expressed concern over the increase in the Beach Utility Budget and advised that council should reduce the amount of anticipated revenue for beach badges as if there is a deficit in the utility that it is unfair to expect the local taxpayers will have to cover the cost.

Mr. Brennan suggested that the borough look for structure reform for their pension similar to the corporate world. Council replied that at present, they are under the State of New Jersey's jurisdiction.

Councilman Volante noted the borough has shared service agreements with neighboring communities and will be aggressively pursuing grants.

The mayor and council agreed that they are ready to introduce the 2015 budget on March 10, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION by Engelstad / Goldfarb the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Mary Ann Solinski, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk